

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, PALACE HOTEL, San Francisco, (1876?)

I don't know if I can finish a letter to you my dear Alec, but I must try. We leave here pretty soon to spend Sunday with my Uncle in San Raffael. He is an innkeeper there. There — the murder is out do you want to break off your engagement to the niece of an innkeeper? Wouldn't he be mad if he thought anyone spoke so contemptuously of it, most of our richest men here are hotel keepers.

We have not seen much of San Francisco to write about. Uncle Sam took me up to the roof of this building the largest in the city and pointed out the most noteworthy places. To the north rises Telegraph Hill. to the east is Cliff house in the distance, where the sea-lions play. South another hill, east the beautiful bay, lovely Goat Island raising high out of the water crowned with fir covered hills.

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